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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the patent application which is enclosed herewith, please enter the new claims listed with this amendment:

- 1) (ORIGINAL) A device useful for drilling holes in the earth comprising:
  - a) a horizontal frame member having a first end portion and a second end portion;
  - b) a vertically inclined tubing casing having a first end portion, an open second end portion, a length dimension, and a hollow interior portion, wherein said first end portion of said vertically inclined tubing casing is attached to the second end portion of said horizontal frame member, said vertically inclined tubing casing further comprising a hole disposed through it along its length, said hole having an